

December 15, 2010 - Special Town Council Meeting

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI held at the Norman Bird Sanctuary on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 2:00 P.M.

Council President Arthur S. Weber, Jr.

Vice President Bruce J. Long

Councillor Richard Cambra, Arrives at

Councillor Christopher T. Semonelli

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.

Councillor Antone C. Viveiros

Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present

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Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk

Town of Middletown

Town Hall – 350 East Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island 02842

Dear Mrs. Marshall:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2., 42-46-4. and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and act upon the following items of business:

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Strategic Planning Workshop with School Committee and Town Administration

Said meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 2:00 P.M. at the Norman Bird Sanctuary, 583 Third Beach Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.

Arthur S. Weber, Jr., President

Middletown Town Council

CC:

Town Council

Public Library

Town Administrator

Town Solicitor

Finance Director

Human Resource Manager

This meeting location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing-impaired should notify the Town Clerk's Office at 847-0009 not less than 48 hours before the meeting.

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.

Present also were Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Finance Director/Human Resource Manager Lynne Dible (observing only), Administrative Assistant Maureen Maurer (observing only), Police Chief Anthony Pesare, School Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, Assistant Superintendent Linda Savastano, School Committee Chair Michael Crowley, Vice Chair Theresa Spengler (Arrives at 2:22 P.M.), members Kellie DiPalma, Liana Ferreira Fenton and William R. O'Connell, Librarian Theresa Coish, Library Board of Trustee Chair Paul Lamond and Vice Chairman Stephen E. Arendt (Arrives at 4:30 P.M).

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All participants viewed a video supplied by the School Department Fielding Nair Architect.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown addressed the attendees

highlighting challenges the Town will struggle with in upcoming years. Mr. Brown reviewed the following handouts entered here:

Vince Petronio, Communication Studies, University of Rhode Island, facilitated a group discussion and exercise directed at defining a values rubric and applying the values rubric to the Town budget.

Councillor Semonelli left the meeting at 3:15 P.M.

Vice President Long left the meeting at 4:30 P.M.

At 5:04 PM Natasha Harrison, Executive Director of the Norman Bird Sanctuary, addressed the meeting attendees welcoming all and reviewing the history and upcoming events being held at the sanctuary.

Meeting resumed at 5:10 P.M.

School Vice Chair Theresa Spengler left the meeting at 6:05 P.M.

Library Board of Trustee Chair Paul Lamond left the meeting at 6:15 P.M.

Councillor Viveiros left the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

School Vice Chair Theresa Silveira Spengler returned at 7:08 P.M.

Library Board of Trustee Chair Paul Lamond returned at 7:35 P.M.

Vice President Long returned at 7:38 P.M.

Working in groups, the participants identified ten values for a rubric. One group then consolidated to apply the following values Rubric to Develop a Joint, Long Term, Adaptable Strategic Plan for Town/School/Library. They involved Community Engagement/Leadership/Involvement, Evolving Economic Growth and Diversity, Stewardship of Environment and Culture, Healthy & Safe Community Climate, Financial Wellness and Comprehensive Learning Community.

Mr. Petronio will correlate all the information and present a report to the administrator.

On motion of Vice President Long, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Wendy J. W. Marshall, CMC

Council Clerk

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